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Police Department

False Kidnapping Report Leads to the Arrest of Parent

On December 12, 2008 at approximately 2:09 am, Torrance Police responded to a 911 call apartment in the 16900 block of Crenshaw Blvd regarding suspicious circumstances-possible kidnapping situation. The caller, Gloria Moran, reported her 18 month old son was missing from their apartment and that she had received threats previously that someone was targeting her child for abduction.

The Torrance Police responded and established a large search area as well as an operational command post for the investigation. Detectives responded to investigate the possible kidnapping and a detailed k-9 search was conducted of the area. At approximately 4:33 am the child was located, by a citizen, in the 2800 block of 168th Street. The discovery area was secured and the child, who appeared unharmed, was checked by the Torrance Fire Department and transported to a local hospital for further precautionary medical evaluation. The investigation continued and all aspects of this incident were examined.

In August 2008, Gloria Moran had reported three incidents of threatening letters being left at her door describing an unknown person's intent to abduct her child. Torrance Detectives conducted a thorough investigation and determined that Gloria Moran had fabricated the August threats as well as the events of December 12th, 2008 which endangered her own child. The child, which is Moran's only child, was placed in protective custody.

Adrienne Gloria Moran, 26 years of age, from San Pedro California was arrested on January 13, 2009, in the City of Torrance. Moran is being charged with Willful Endangerment of a Child, False Report of an Emergency, and False report of a Criminal Offense. Moran is being held on \$75,000.00 bail.

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